

REMARKS

I. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-3, 17-25, and 36-42 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 17-25 and 37-42 are allowable.

Claims 1-3 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukaya et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,227,127 (hereinafter "Fukaya").

II. Summary of Applicant's Reply

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 17-25 and 37-42.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and 36 without prejudice. Claim 37 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

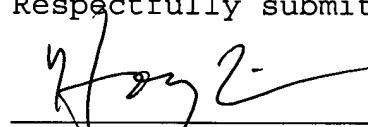
III. Applicant's Reply to the § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukaya. Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and 36 without prejudice. This rejection is moot and should therefore be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, claims 17-25 and 37-42 are allowable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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